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Thu 0530	WRMI	9955
Thu 1430	WRMI	9955
Thu 2200	WRMI	9955
Thu 2330	WBCQ	7415
Fri 0800	WRMI	9955
Fri 2030	WWCR1	15825
Fri 2230	WBCQ	5110-CUSB
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955
Sat 1630	WWCR3	12160
Sun 0230	WWCR3	5070
Sun 0630	WWCR1	3215
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955
Sun 1515	WRMI	9955
Mon 0300	WBCQ	9330-CLSB [irregular]
Mon 0415	WBCQ	7415 [time varies]
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955
Tue 1530	WRMI	9955
Wed 1130	WRMI	9955
Wed 2300	WBCQ	15420-CUSB [NEW, but returned to 17495-CUSB]

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** ALASKA [and non]. Re 8-042: ``Does this mean KNLS has political content? Was not aware their Chinese was getting jammed (gh, DXLD)``

I don't KNOW. All other religious like KTWR, FEBC, KSDA, Palau etc, don't suffer by China mainland jamming. But sometimes Chinese park a jammer on an OOB frequency, who knows? (Wolfgang B_schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Target of Firedrake on 9780 kHz is not KNLS, but RTI-CBS Taiwan of the same frequency is a target:

9780 CBS-Taiwan 1000-1400 Chinese 100 kW Kouhu

(S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC-HQ, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So rather self-defeating of KNLS to collide there (gh, DXLD)

** ALASKA. Re 8-042, Daytimer on 630: Glenn, Indeed, the 630 kHz "daytime only" operation of KYAK in Anchorage did have pretty restricted hours of operation in the winter, but it did have "pre-sunrise" authority. I no longer remember exactly when the rules were changed, but originally U.S. stations with pre-sunrise authority could operate with full daytime power from 4 AM local standard time (but 5 AM "daylight" or "summer" time) or sunrise, whichever was earlier.

Then sometime in the late 1960's or early 1970's the pre-sunrise operation of most stations (but not including some on U.S. class A "clear channels") was cut back to 6 AM and 500 watts. There were also further restrictions relative to interference to foreign stations, and in the early days even U.S. fulltime stations could object, sometimes with success, to early morning operation which created "real" interference.

So, indeed, when KYAK went on the air it had pretty early sign off time in the winter. Anchorage is officially at 61 13 05 x 149 54 01, and the FCC on-line program won't find SR/SS times for anything north of 60 degrees, so I can't off hand give you the time in December and January! I used to have a copy of the old license, but I'm not sure it has been retained in the firm's file size management efforts. Oh, and there was no post-sunset operation by U.S. stations in those days (Ben Dawson, WA, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA [and non]. With rock-bottom solar flux of 69 again, R. Tirana reception is generally poor on 13 MHz but varies from day to day vs adjacent CVC Darwin on 13635. April 7 at 1449 check, R. Tirana 13640 was audible and no CVC at all. No CODAR QRM either, even down on open 13605, tnx to the poor propagation. April 8 at 1852, 13840 was doing a bit better than BBC 13865, unusual (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Solar-terrestrial indices for 06 April follow. Solar flux 69 and mid-latitude A-index 17. The mid-latitude K-index at 1500 UTC on 07 April was 1 (8 nT). No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours. No space weather storms are expected for the next 24 hours (SWPC via DXLD)

** ALBANIA. A08 monitoring of Radio Tirana ---
QTH at Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Dear Drita, thank you very much for sending the Radio Tirana A08 schedule. Enclosed please find some of my monitoring observations on Radio Tirana. Most of the frequencies are working very well, so I think, you did a good job by choosing the best frequencies in the overfilled shortwave bands. Cool is the 6005 kc for the Albanian program - ex RIAS/DLR Berlin-QRG.

2008 marks the 70th anniversary of Radio Tirana. Congratulations on this fine event. I think that Werner Schubert, head of German section Radio Tirana listeners club, may celebrate a special contest in the year. Best wishes and greetings to you all at Tirana (Siegbert GERHARD, Frankfurt/Main, Germany, International Monitoring since 1970, via Drita «iÁo, R. Tirana Monitoring Center, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. Radio AlgÉrienne via Sines

Radio AlgÉrienne with programming in Arabic (rather than Radio Algerie Internationale, revived in March 2007 but carried on satellite only) via Sines noted around 2010 with strong signal on 9765, distorted audio of clearly religious program content, delivered by an announcer working the mic extremely close. At 2110 recheck on 7150 considerably weaker, now with monologue by a lady.

[As per sked via Wolfgang B,schel in BC-DX April 3: 2000-2100 9765, 2100-2300 7150, both 250 kW, 170 degrees to Naf; as well as 0400-0600 7150 250 kW 134 degrees] (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also WESTERN SAHARA [non]

** ARGENTINA. 13363-LSB, Tentative LS4 R. Continental, Buenos Aries. Lively music program with announcements in Spanish. Fair strength

amid noise and distortion of voices. 2115 2/4 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony ICF-2001D and 70m long wire), DXpedition at Yeranda, near Dungog NSW [same equipment?], April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. RA has reduced use of 11880 and introduced 11945 in English to south-east Asia 0700-1300 (Nigel Holmes via John Wright, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA A-08 of CVC International via DRW=Darwin:
Chinese to China

2200-0200 on 15170 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg
0400-1000 on 17830 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg
1000-1500 on 13775 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg
1500-1800 on 11770 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg

English to South East Asia and Indonesia

0600-0900 on 15335 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg
0900-1100 on 15230 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg
1100-1800 on 13635 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg

Indonesian to Indonesia

2300-0200 on 15250 DRW 250 kW / 290 deg
0400-1000 on 17820 DRW 250 kW / 290 deg
1000-1300 on 9670 DRW 250 kW / 290 deg
1300-1700 on 6110 DRW 250 kW / 290 deg
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 8 via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. Frequency change for AWR from April 3:

1500-1530 NF 15595 MOS 300 kW / 120 deg, ex 15160 in Turkish
1930-2000 NF 15220 MOS 300 kW / 175 deg, ex 15260 in French
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 8 via DXLD)

** BAHRAIN. 6010, R. Bahrain, Abu Hayan. Fair level signal amidst noise. Speakers in Arabic with brief ME type music 1840, 22/3 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony ICF-2001D and 70m long wire), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

Noted on 1/4 at 2050 with weaker Belarus (// 6115), music was techno and DJ Lady's ID at 2058 in English, seems that service is whole techno-tam-tam music? (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001, Marconi, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** BENIN. 1566, TWR, Parakou, 1832-1905, 05 Apr, Vernacular, talks; 55444 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4699, R San Miguel, Riberalta; 7-Apr. Spanish 2234 message "para profesora Livia Amuranti..." , 2235 ads, 2236 Spanish pop music, 2238 ads about some dentist "...extracciones, buena salud

dental...", 2241-2252 Spanish "Sertanejo" music selections. It's the most affected station by CODAR here but at the time mentioned, no sign of it. Some noise, 33233 (L'cio Ot-vio BobrŰwiec, Embu SP Brasil, Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. Buena propagaciŰn para emisoras bolivianas ---

4111.7, Radio Virgen de los Remedios, Tupiza, 2234-2245, 07-04, locutor, espaŰol, seŰal muy d'bil. Audible en LSB. 15321. (M'ndez)

4409.8, Radio Eco, Reyes, Beni, 2351-2357, 07-04, canciones latinoamericanas, locutor, seŰal muy d'bil e interferencia de radioaficionados. 13221. (M'ndez)

4451.2, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana del Yacuma, Beni, 2238-2325, 07-04, locutor, espaŰol, comentarios, canciones bolivianas. 15322. (M'ndez)

4699.3, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, 2229-2325, 07-04, locutor, espaŰol, comentarios, canciones bolivianas, identificaciŰn: "Radio San Miguel", comentario sobre la familia, menciona "La capital de nuestro departamento". 25322. (M'ndez)

4716.7, Radio Yura, Yura, 2223-2320, 07-04, locutor, locutora, comentarios en espaŰol y en quechua, canciones bolivianas, flautas, identificaciŰn: "Onda corta, banda de 60 metros, 4715 kHz, Radio Yura, La Voz de los Ayllus, Yura, provincia de Antonio Quijarro, PotosŰ, Bolivia". Anuncios comerciales. 25322. (M'ndez)

4781.5, Radio Tacana, Tumapasa, 2242-2335, 07-04, comentarios en espaŰol, locutor, m'sica boliviana, anuncios comerciales, locutora, identificaciŰn: "Radio Tacana, en los 4780 kHz.". 14322. (M'ndez)

4865, Radio Logos, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, 2212-2310, 07-04, locutor, espaŰol, comentarios y canciones religiosas. A las 2251 programa "EspecialŰsimo", locutora, canciŰn "La niŰa de tus ojos", comentario "Es importante que nos acerquemos a Dios". A las 2300 "Bolivia Noticias, aquŰ est'n las noticias", a las 2303 "AquŰ est' la informaciŰn deportiva", luego programa "Un consejo bŰblico". 25322.

6134.8, Radio Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, 0000-0020, 08-04. Se escucha a partir de las 0000 que cierra Radio Rep'blica en 6135. Programa "El Maestro en Casa", enseŰanza por radio: "El derecho a la libertad", "Las manifestaciones", "Los sindicatos campesinos", "Lean los p'rrafos que tienen en sus cuadernos". "Llegamos a la parte final del programa, hasta la prŰxima". "Instituto RadiofŰnico el Maestro en Casa", "Universidad Nacional Siglo XX", "Venga a Radio Santa Cruz, Radio Santa Cruz". 23222 (Manuel M'ndez, Lugo, Spain, Escuchas realizadas en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena

de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5045, R. Globo(-Santos), Presidente Prudente SP, 2155-2210, 05 Apr, advertisements, talks about football; 25332; \\ 5940.2.

5940.2, R. Globo, Guarujá SP, 2209-2225, 05 Apr, talks about football; // 5045; 25331.

5990 R. Senado, Parque do Rodeador, Brasília DF, 2145-2207, 02 Apr, senate discussion followed by "A Voz do Brasil" at 2200; 35433. Finally in the clear for some time.

9695, R. Rio Mar, Manaus AM, 1035-f/out 1115, 05 Apr, news program "Jornal Primeira Hora"; 24443, adjacent QRM de Niger 9690.

11925.2, R. Bandeirantes, São Paulo SP, 1940-..., 05 Apr, newscast; 34433 (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Carlos' full report, including many more Brazilian logs is in the dxldyg (gh)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL - A freqüência de 4765 kHz, da Rádio Rural, de Santarém (PA), está fora do ar há cerca de 40 dias. O transmissor da emissora sofre com a falta de peças, conforme informamos que o seu diretor, padre Edilberto Sena, remeteu a Samuel Cássio Martins, em São Carlos (SP), e a Paulo Roberto e Souza, em Tefé (AM).

BRASIL - A Rádio Guaíba, de Porto Alegre (RS), está efetuando diversas modificações em sua programação. Nos sábados, entre 13h15 às 14h, a emissora levará ao ar o segmento Reportagem Especial. O jornalista Rodrigo Koch enfocará sempre um tema, relacionado ao esporte e futebol, sob diferentes pontos de vista. Em ondas curtas, a Guaíba pode ser captada em 6000 e 11785 kHz.

BRASIL - A Rádio Rio Mar, de Manaus (AM), é uma emissora brasileira que transmite em ondas curtas, nas freqüências de 6160 e 9685 [sic; really 9695] kHz, que também valoriza a radioescuta e o dexismo! Aos sábados, entre 19h30min e 21h30min, no horário de Manaus, ou seja, entre 20h30min e 22h30min, no horário de Brasília [AND 2330-0130 UT!], Jandson de Holanda Rabelo fala das ondas curtas e da radiodifusão em geral. Na Internet, o programa pode ser conferido, acessando <http://www.riomaronline.com.br/>

BRASIL - Em quatro de abril, em Altamira do Paraná (PR), Reinaldo Gomes encontrou a Rádio Cultura, de São Paulo (SP), próxima de 9600 kHz, ao invés da freqüência correta de 9615 kHz. Em resumo: a emissora está com seu transmissor desregulado e emitindo espúrios fora de freqüência.

BRASIL - Uma freqüência de emissora brasileira que está inativa, no

momento, em ondas curtas, É 6160 kHz, em 49 metros, da Super Rede Boa Vontade de R·dio, de Porto Alegre (RS). A constataÁ,,o É do Samuel C·ssio Martins, de S,,o Carlos (SP). (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX April 6 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. I hear a station with Portuguese talks on 15325.020 kHz, 1930 UT. I think this is R·dio Gazeta, S,,o Paulo. I send this report to the yahoo group in brazil, and yes R·dio Gazeta are on the air on Sunday 6/4, 1930. Nice log for me, only 1 kW. Best with LW 25 meter and Perseus SD Receiver (Maurits from Belgium Van Driessche, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Om 1930, met Portuguese talks and typical music from Brazil, signaal was zwak, maar goed tevolgen (Maurits, BDX via DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. CBA DX test before closedown April 7: Later info is that this DX test will be very brief for only a few minutes around 0400 UT April 7. Please don't get it in NZ unless I can get it in Oklahoma; never heard here. 73, (Glenn Hauser, greylinedx via DXLD)

Earliest audio noted from the Americas was at 0438 UT when presumed Radio MartÌ and Radio Rebelde Cuba 1180 faded in. KNX Los Angeles noted from 0519 UT on 1070 with Latin vocals behind. Will stay with frequency to see if I can identify the Latin at least but with Per· (1499.9) and Chile (1380) also coming through it looks like New Brunswick won't make it tonight (Bryan Clark, New Zealand, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, Too late --- heard and verified about 15 years ago. BTW, 0400z is about 2 hours before sunset here so no chance! Good luck! Cheers, (Paul Ormandy, NZ, ibid.)

Did not hear the DX Test on the Albany Global Tuners receiver at around 0400. Will have a listen when it signs off finally at 0700 local time. 73 (Tony Magon, VK2IC, NSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Unfortunately not heard at my QTH. I listened from 0355 to 0505 UT. Heard WFNI Indianapolis, IN (approx. 484.8 miles) with "ESPN Radio". No CBA :(73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, VA USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I didn't hear a DX test at 0400. I finally tuned out at 0433. 73/ (Liz Cameron, MI, ibid.)

I'm afraid nothing here in Tennessee. KNX and someone with a gospel singer (I swear she was singing the Star-Spangled Banner but she kept at it far longer than that song goes). Quite surprised that the only identifiable station on the frequency was KNX (Doug Smith, W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, 0427 UT, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Nothing definite here. At 11:52 pm CT [0452 UT] a female voice briefly faded up just long enough to say "CBA". She faded up a few more times later and seemed to have a Canadian accent. I strongly suspect it was wishful thinking possibly influenced by pain from my sprained foot (and I strongly suspect it was WFNI/Indianapolis) I do have a recording. KNX (!) continued to be the dominant signal on the frequency. Kaz is right: good western conditions! The gospel singer continued for the full hour as well. Probably WDIA Memphis (Doug Smith W9WI Pleasant View, TN EM66, The NRC AM mailing list, via DXLD)

We never hear CBC stations (on webcast) IDing with their actual call letters (which aren't ITU-official, anyway), not even at hourtop or +5 when they often have a local break for weather. Possibly they are mentioned in passing during local-programming hours (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tried around the scheduled time of 11 pm Central (1 am Atlantic) [0400 UT] and heard nothing but CBS news at TOH (probably KNX), the gospel-music station Doug mentions, and usual pest KHMO in Hannibal MO. Between 11:02:30 and 11:04 I heard a 1-kHz tone on the high side of 1070 -- audible only in USB mode -- likely a TA het from 1071 (Randy Stewart, Springfield MO, NRC-AM via DXLD)

CBA-1070 sign off --- I listened to CBA at the following top-of-hours: Midnight EDT / 0400 UT - jazz show ran through top-of-hour with no break or ID
1 a.m. EDT / 0500 UT - a normal transition from one programme to another, no code or sweep tones
6 a.m. EDT / 1000 UT - news, no special test material

The signal from these guys has always been huge (typically the strongest station at night here between the 1050 and 1130 New Yorkers). I have a QSL from them that I received in 1966, so lack of test material was no big deal here. I have their ID on many saved-away SDR-IQ spectrum grabs as well.

I will miss the easy CBC programming access since other outlets (NS-1140, ON-1550, and NL-540/600/640/750/990) just aren't throwing as much interference-free RF at me as ol' CBA did.

1070 should be an awesome Latin America channel now, a theory I plan to test tomorrow night in Rockport or Rowley, MA (Mark Connelly, WA1ION - Billerica, MA, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I didn't hear anything on 1070 at 0000 and CBC jazz music there went well thru the hour and was // 99.1 in Toronto. So Atlantic time in Moncton might very well be // EDT in Toronto as one of you suggested

to me offlist. I can only suggest trying at 0100 EDT. Anyhow, it's doing well into Toronto (Saul Chernos, Ont., April 7, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

The DX Test never aired at midnight. Well, the jazz show "Tonic" is on the air and I can't see them breaking until about 1 am Eastern. This is contrary to their schedule (at least one of them) on-line that says they are now into the CBC Overnight show. Maybe it will come at 1 am Eastern ?? YAWN. Boo! No test. Thank you, sincerely, for your efforts, Saul [lost credit; to rather than from Saul --- gh]

1070, CBA, NB, MONCTON, 0031 [EDT?] 07/04/08. Heard very weak CW at 0031 with lots of QRM from WFLI in Chattanooga, TN and ESPN radio in Indianapolis. This is definitely heard CW, and a weak sweep tone following. Nothing heard since. DXer: (Willis Monk, QTH: Old Fort, TN ANTENNA: 149' long wire RCVR: Drake R-4C, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

[Later:] was listening to both medium wave and Internet from 11:45 pm through about 1:15 am. [EDT]

No test aired. CBA was broadcasting parallel with the Eastern Time zone stations like CBE 1550 Windsor. I don't remember this happening before. Why were they out of sync, or is this a Sunday evening thing I haven't noticed? CBA is usually an hour ahead of CBE Windsor, Ontario due to the time difference. They are on Atlantic Standard [sic] Time.

Conditions at my QTH were somewhat auroral. I had deep fades every 15 minutes or so like clockwork. CHOK was in pretty well to the west of me. My Superadio and SRF-59 had to be nulled to hear CBA fairly clearly.

I feel bad that the test did not run. Saul put a lot of time and effort into trying to arrange this for us and we should offer him applause. Why CBA didn't run the test is irrelevant. It was rude to say they would run the test and then not run it. We don't understand.

The CBC is a big nationwide bureaucracy and lumbers along often not gracefully. Their programming is very good. Their local staffs are workhorses that are only on the air part-time. I got to know the crew at a similar station in Sydney, Nova Scotia. The recent CBC strike really demoralized them. The excellent pair of people handling their version of Information Morning eventually retired. I presume the strike had something to do with their early retreat. Outside of local content for 2 1/2 hours every morning and little bursts afternoons and weekends, these stations are on auto-pilot repeating the feeds coming out of Toronto.

CBA used to be open and clear on 1070. After CHOK was established, it became much harder to hear around my QTH north of New York City. Losing CBL 740 Toronto was a blow, as well. When WTIC 1080 Hartford put on its IBOC embarrassment, it really became difficult to hear especially with any sort of pleasure. The complete resolution? Internet access in our cars. Wait a few decades and get back to me.

Good luck to CBA and their 106.1 operation. Hopefully, the local content will hold on for a while. By the way, check out CBC's show with former Bachman-Turner Overdrive guitarist Randy Bachman called Vinyl Tap. What a great show if you love rock and guitars! Look for it from 7 to 9 pm Saturday nights Website: <http://www.randysvinyltap.com/>

One final thought: Why were the English MW outlets turned off in Moncton and Toronto while the French outlet in Toronto continues? Do lots of people actually listen to French medium wave broadcasts? CBF 540 Windsor is the same way. 50 kW of French going where? Am I ignorant? Are these transmissions heard by larger audiences than the English broadcasts? This must be bilingual politics at work.

Sincere thanks to Saul Chernos and good luck to everyone at CBA (Karl Zuk, N2KZ, ibid.)

I really agree with this. Losing CBC to both shut-off and IBOC jamming is sad. I will have to look for the internet link, or perhaps when the XM/Sirius merger finally happens a CBC channel will show up on XM.

We will see mobile internet much more quickly now. The trimming of the TV band and its likely use to provide radio-derived internet will speed that up. Some providers already sell mobile 3G CDMA access, and the prices are dropping.

Now, how will this affect radio? Not only will it give another access point to existing content providers, it will also allow personal streaming. Right now I run my own private 24/7 music stream which plays things I want to hear. No commercials, no yapping announcers. This is not shared anywhere, so the RIAA and SoundExchange can go pound sand. Were they to hack into my personal stream, I would sue them for violation of the DCMA.

The personal stream capability also allows me to listen to a receiver remotely. I heard some interesting things when I set that up at a New Bedford, MA location. It is quite handy and not hard or expensive to set up.

So, while radio does provide content, the new competition comes from the listeners themselves. With iPhone/Blackberry type devices allowing

direct access to news/traffic/navigation, there isn't as much that's unique to radio. Now if some of the satellite mules that carry essentially no local content would vanish, things would improve. And, of course, IBOC fails as many expect it will (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, IRCA via DXLD)

The only time I know of in the west when "all" Radio One are in sync, is during Cross Country Checkup, which runs Sundays 1 to 3 pm PDT, so 5 to 7 pm ADT? If my sleepy brain is adding 4 hours OK. (As a result, the other Sunday programming adjacent to CCC appears either before or after CCC, depending on the time zone. Shows like Wiretap, Tapestry, etc. have their announcement of airtime dependent on the time zone) ef (Eric Flodén, BC, IRCA via DXLD)

In overnight recordings here, they were last heard at around 0530 EDT [0930 UT]. Sad to see a venerable Class A station go silent. Sadder still to see the channel appropriated by a station on 1080, with the blessing of the politicians at the FCC (Barry McLarnon, VE3JF, Ottawa, ON, IRCA via DXLD)

I listened to CBA-1070 from 0500 to 0530 EDT [0900-0930 UT] this morning. Around 0515 EDT, after CBC news, they ran local New Brunswick news and weather. Following that they had a live announcement that the "AM-1070 transmitter in Moncton would be switched off." I did not hear the exact time that this would occur. I believe they announced that (NRC/IRCA member) Brent Taylor would throw the switch to turn off 1070. By 0530 EDT they were still on but suffering interference from the Plattsburgh, NY station, WTIC-1080 IBOC, and the New Brunswick sunrise (Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis, MA
<http://hometown.aol.com/midcapemarc/myhomepage/profile.html>
NRC-AM via DXLD)

As much as I would like to be recorded in history as the guy who flicked the switch, the "Brent Taylor" referenced in Marc's reception below is actually their recently-retired and long standing former morning man of the same name. The fact I was also in broadcasting, and even spent several years as a CBC Radio panelist/commentator further added to the confusion for the both of us. My claim to the name is more solid, as "Brent" is my real first name. The other fellow (a very nice guy also, lol) used one of his middle names (Brent Taylor, VY2HF, Stratford, PEI FN86, IRCA via DXLD)

I heard the actual sign off. It came at about 1137 UT. One of their old announcers was at the transmitter site with a current lady announcer. They spoke about two engineers who were on site that were also involved in installing the current Nautel solid state transmitter. Of course, they talked about how wonderful FM was. Earlier in the morning, they played Steely Dan's movie theme "FM"

during a teaser. They played a brief clip of a balladeer singing about going off the air. They took a long pause and went to a show out of Toronto. I presume this was when the medium wave transmitter went off. There was a mention that the Nautel was going to be disassembled. I guess this means that there will not be a commercial broadcaster on 1070 at least in the near future from New Brunswick. Has anyone heard anything about that possibility? (Karl Zuk, NJ, IRCA via DXLD)

There is nothing on file for a new station in Moncton (neither AM nor FM). My gut feeling is we won't see one (Doug Smith, W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, ibid.)

Hi Guys, An audio clip of an ID from a s/off announcement in 1988 (and 1986 QSL) from 1070 CBA Moncton as a sort of tribute to the station which is sadly due to shut down their MW transmitter in a few hours time, is at <http://www.capedx.blogspot.com> They really seemed to get through quite well here on a few occasions during the late 1980's. Cheers (Gary Deacon, RSA, April 7, mwdxyg via DXLD)

I had to look for CBA DX test, as I don't think I ever heard it here in OK. I monitored only at 0358-0406 UT, being especially attentive for signs of sweeps, tones or code IDs. As usual, 1070 dominated here by KNX, over rumble of numerous other stations. With KNX nulled, more rumble, KFTI Wichita occasionally surfacing. No CBA. Rien.

I'm surprised that so many, even Canadians, were surprised that CBA programming was // CBE and other EDT zone stations. If you listen to CBC from all zones as I do frequently by webcast (the only way, as only CBW 990 occasionally makes it here but unreliably) you would know that.

For reasons best known to CBC, on Saturday and Sunday evenings the NT/AT/ET programming is simultaneous. Been that way for years. And so I have noted for years in the intro and listings on my Monitoring Reminders Calendar <http://www.worldofradio.com/calendar.html> This means we have only 4 chances instead of 5 to catch each program.

But something has to give when they switch back to AT/NT being one hour ahead of ET programming around or after local midnight, not clear to me exactly when.

As for the no-show, it would be interesting to find out what happened, if anyone wants to talk about it. I still wonder if timezone confusion had something to do with it. Arranging it STRICTLY in Universal time could have avoided that. 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I listened at both 0000 and 01200 [sic, presumably EDT] and some of the in-between, and nada. Willis Monk says he had tone and code at

0130 [see above: he said 0030]. The engineer is looking into all of this - he thought something went awry but wasn't yet certain what or how or if. I'll report back soon. They are indeed one hour ahead of Eastern time. That I confirmed with him earlier today (Monday) when we spoke. Thanks, all, for bearing with me on this. I'll keep you all posted (Saul Chernos, Ont., IRCA via DXLD)

Well, maybe they can do a make-good, turn it back on before dismantling the facility! (Glenn Hauser, ibid.) I don't think Saul got my point about timing (gh)

I checked my 0130 (EDT) recording, and heard normal programming (CBC Radio Overnight, with a segment from Radio Sweden) - no code or tones. There are ESPN spots that use code for sound effects - maybe that's what was heard by Willis (Barry McLarnon, VE3JF, Ottawa, ON, NRC-AM via DXLD)

FAREWELL 1070 CBA MONCTON NB - THE DAY REGIONAL BROADCASTING DIED

Growing up as a kid in Antigonish NS, there were a few very memorable radio stations that left a lasting imprint on my developing grey matter. And, a few radios that did the same.

First and foremost, CJFX, then 10 kW of AM mono [later 25 kW of AM Stereo before flipping to FM - on three transmitters and two frequencies]. My Dad was first Assistant GM, then later GM, and even though I never really worked there, I spent a lot of time there as a kid. It had a unique smell [cigarettes, coffee, magnetic tape and tubes]. Except for the cigarettes, I still have an affinity for those smells. I always will.

Next on the list was 1070 CBA. My Grandmother, Alice Grant, lived in Parrsborough NS and her WWII era [yes, in Canada, there was limited production of radios for civilians during the war] RCA Globe Trotter - AM and SW, with push buttons across the top. Parrsboro was, and still is, a good spot for DXing, and CBA was by far and away the strongest AM signal. Granny Grant's RCA was always tuned to 1070 CBA and we always remembered to set it back to 1070 after we were finished pulling in all kinds of daytime DX - SW and MW. The 50 kW New York and Boston stations were a piece of cake.

At night, at home, the likes of WABC, WNBC etc. provided Top 40 music when CJFX was burdened with forced affiliate CBC programming. [This was the dark side of the CBC very few people know about - forced as a condition of license to carry CBC programming at certain times. Disagree and the CRTC pulled your license. In those days late night CBC programming was not particularly fit for public consumption - in fact, some of it - such as Anthology - was the kind of programming I

would expect from the likes of Howard Stern if he decided to become boring. Scores of small town and rural listeners picked up their phones and their pens in protest.]

As my brother Peter recently recalled, if WABC was playing a song you didn't like, WNBC was sure to play a song you liked. We wore out an awful lot of little tuning capacitors that way. And, a lot of 9 volt batteries too.

CBA always served a dual role. In the early years, CBA was CBC Atlantic, providing a 0.25 mv/m fringe signal throughout the Maritimes - the kind of weak, but ever present daytime signal that could be dealt with nicely by a hot 6 tube, tuned RF superhet tube radio with some added antenna wire, or an equivalent hot portable with a jumbo ferrite bar. At night, a \$20.00 transistor radio could pull in CBA loud and clear.

In those early years, CBA was especially able to fulfill the role of regional CBC superstation, sited on the Tantramar Marshes in Sackville NB, where ground conductivity was, and is, superb. The late 1960s move to the present, err just past, site on Dover Road in Moncton took a lot of sting out of the Maritimes' only true clear channel radio station. But even so, it still had impressive coverage.

But, CBA was also CBC Radio for Moncton NB, a small, rapidly growing, bilingual city flanked by the then Town [now City] of Dieppe and the Town of Riverview. As disaffiliation marched on in the late 70s and into the 80s, with CBC FM rebroadcasters popping up everywhere, the concept of a high powered regional AM station remained of importance for only a very few listeners - those at sea and those in small communities nestled in valleys, where FM refuses to reach. Unless you give each community of, say, 200 persons its own transmitter site.

In a perfect world, CBA would return to the airwaves out of the RCI site on the Tantramar Marshes in Sackville NB to provide regional "backup" and maritime service to the three Maritime Provinces, along with a promise to maintain 640 CBN and 990 CBY in Newfoundland for the very same reasoning.

But then, in a perfect world, The Big Kahuna CRTC would wake up, stop rubber stamping "flipping FM" pancakes, look at AM contours other than 15 and 5 mv/m, smell the coffee, and develop a policy on AM radio, recognizing its strengths [rural service] its weakness [urban service] and encouraging a small number of private and public service broadcasters to operate regional, high power stations for a rural audience with modest power simulcasts on FM for their urban core.

For many AMers with poor ground conductivity, restrictive patterns

and less groundwave-friendly higher dial positions, FM has been a boon to ratings, revenues and listeners alike. But there are situations where the public interest has been seriously gouged.

Private stations need good ratings and good profits [FM] and rural listeners need service [AM]. Why not allow a few top notch broadcast citizens the best of both worlds - AM and FM - to serve rural and urban listeners and make money doing so? The test: outstanding public service and the willingness to maintain a parallel AM transmitting plant. I don't suspect many broadcasters would jump at the chance. I do suspect a few [likely you could count them on one hand] would take on the burden [and the benefits] of having the best of both worlds, AM and FM.

This is CILY, the Voice of the Maritimes, in Amherst Nova Scotia, 50,000 watts on 1070 AM, 19,000 watts on 107.7 FM, signing ON...

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**** CANADA. CBC RADIO ONE NO. 1 IN CALGARY**
Heath McCoy, Calgary Herald

CBC Radio in Calgary is enjoying its best ratings in a decade, with CBC Radio One on the AM dial coming in as the top radio station in the city, according to the BBM ratings for the winter season.

The BBM radio ratings -- the standard used to measure radio listeners in Canada -- showed that in the ratings period from Jan. 7 to March 2, CBC Radio One, heard at 1010 AM, had the ear of 9.8 per cent of Calgary listeners aged 12 and up.

"It's a significant jump for us as a station, and our morning show is driving it," said Don Orchard, regional director for CBC radio in Calgary, referring to The Calgary Eyeopener program hosted by Jim Brown.

"We've put a lot of energy into trying to provide a voice for Calgary . . . It really makes us think we're doing a good job." (etc...
<http://snipurl.com/23syr> [how other stations rate]) (via Ricky Leong, Calgary, April 8, DXLD)

**** CANADA. Canada post DTV transition ---** A tech at CIII-41 (DT 65) Toronto has told me that they plan on switching their DT to 41 when the analogue goes off in 2011. He says that he is anxiously awaiting a post-transition channel plan from Industry Canada as none exists yet (Bill Hepburn, Ont., April 7, WTFDA via DXLD)

** CHAD. 4905, RD Nationale Tchadienne, Grevia, 1634-..., 06 April, Vernacular, tribal songs; 25332; inaudible at 1600 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4905, Radio Chad (presumed); 0530-0540+, 6 April; M in French with Afro tune to 0531 news -- 2 or 3 M in French alternating, one has bad microphone, one segment about military, reading long list of colonels; back to Afro tunes at 0538+. SI0=443. USB takes out swiper (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** CHILE. 6010, R. Parinacota, Putre, in Spanish, 0703-0735 Feb 19, OM with long talk, several mentions of Chile and Santiago, 0743 ID, piano music, more talks, armchair quality with CSS/LSB filter (Richard Parker, Pennsburg PA, Collins 51S-1, 51-X, R390A, SE3, antenna farm, April NASWA Journal via DXLD) So got past Mexico/Colombia if on (gh)

** CHILE. A-08 of Voz Crist,, / La Voz via SGO=Santiago:

Portuguese to Brasil [now known as A Sua Voz --- gh]

0000-0400 on 11745 SGO 100 kW / 060 deg

0400-1100 on 6110 SGO 100 kW / 060 deg

1100-2400 on 15410 SGO 100 kW / 060 deg

1800-2000 on 17640#SGO 015 kW / 045 deg

Spanish to Mexico

0100-0400 on 11970 SGO 100 kW / 340 deg

Spanish to Northern South America

0100-0800 on 11665 SGO 100 kW / non-dir

0800-1200 on 5960 SGO 100 kW / non-dir

1200-0100 on 17680 SGO 100 kW / non-dir

Spanish to Southern South America

2300-1300 on 6070 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg

1300-2300 on 9635 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg

DRM mode Mon-Fri

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 8 via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 7335, China Radio International (presumed); 2246, 4 April; Spanish/Chinese language lesson. Very copyable mixing with CHU. I'm sure that CHU is purposely jamming this (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Listed: Xi'an at 255 degrees, 100 kW at 255 degrees to zone 43-South, but that's south central China, not make sense. SZG site also on 7335 but supposedly at 20-21 only, to Spain target, 500 kW, 315 degrees. These may be place-holders in case they have really put in a relay closer to Spain (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. CRI and CNR A08 skeds available at NDXC site

The complete A08 language schedule for China Radio International, along with the schedule for China National Radio and other domestic services, are now available at the Nagoya DX Circle site:

<http://www2.starcat.ne.jp/~ndxc>

(Joe Hanlon, NJ, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. Estimados: Les envío el esquema de frecuencias A-08 de Radio China Internacional que me acaba de enviar Lola, del departamento de español de la emisora (quien ha reemplazado desde algún tiempo a Estela).

CRI en Español, A-08:

HORA UTC FRECUENCIA(KHz) BANDA (m)

Para Europa

2100-2300	6020, 9640	49.83, 31.12
2200-0000	7210, 7250	41.61, 41.38
2300-0000	6175	48.58
0600-0800	15135	19.82

Para Sudamérica

2200-2300	9490, 13700	31.61, 21.90
2300-0100	9590, 9800	31.28, 30.61
0000-0100	15120	19.84
0100-0200	9665	31.04
0100-0300	9595, 9710	31.28, 30.90
0300-0400	9665	31.04

Para Centroamérica

0000-0100	5990	50.08
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Para Panamá

1200-1400 HORA DE PANAM; [1700-1900 UT]

A TRAVÉS DE Chinavisión AM 1180

Para escuchar en línea: <http://espanol.cri.cn/cribuenosaires/index.htm>

O hacer un click directamente en los días de semana en la parte

superior al lado izquierdo: <http://espanol.cri.cn/>

Saludos, (via Eduardo Peñailillo, DXLD)

This time I've left in the metric equivalents for curiosity's sake. Do CRI think any listeners in Spanish and their radios really go by metres instead of kHz/MHz?? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. Re unidentified music on 5330: surely Firedrake, which means it's jamming something, Sound of Hope?

New frequency of Firedrake & SOH --- I can receive SOH & Firedrake on 5330 kHz at 1620 Apr. 7, strongly. The reception's first in under 6 MHz (S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC-HQ, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. JAMMERSTAN: 6280 Crash & Bang Chinese Music Jammer; 2232-2251+, 4 April; // 7105, 7160, 7180, 7190 (weak under Chinese audio), 7200 & 7500 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

FIREDRAKE JAMMING (CHINA), mx tradicional chinesa nonstop, 05 April:
6010, 2341, fading, 22342;
7270, 2322, leve QRM na mesma QRG, 44433;
7310, 2325, sinal muito forte, 54554;
7330, 2327, ruído e QRM na mesma QRG, 42232;
7470, 2300, sinal fraco com ruídos, 15231;
7500, 2303, sinal bom, 35433;
7540, 2305, fading, 35422 (ARTHUR ANTONIO RAIMUNDO, ARAÁATUBA - SP BRASIL, SONY 7600GR, AN 71, @tividade DX April 6 via DXLD)

Caros, Para esquecer a tristeza pela minha antena AN71 que surrupiaram da janela do meu apartamento (deve ter sido o vizinho de baixo), além da propagação, o que não anda tão boa, estou fazendo escutas "temáticas". Segue um log somente de Firedrake jammings. O Rx É o Sony ICF SW 7600 GR, com a antena telescópica esticada.

FIREDRAKE JAMMING (CHINA), mx tradicional chinesa nonstop, 06 April:
6010, 2306, ruído de estática e algum fading, 35232;
6150, 2302, fading, 55444;
6155, 2303, QRM de unid na mesma QRG, 22432;
7305, 2310, forte ruído e fading, 53222;
7310, 2312, Último sinal, 55544;
7500, 2314, sinal fraco, 25222;
9660, 2318, leve QRM de unid, 34433;
9815, 2320, QRM de unid na QRG, 43433;
9875, 2322, Último sinal, 45544;
11885, 2326, bom sinal com fading, 45433;
11980, 2329, forte, mas com fading, 55433;

Pelo menos dessa vez, as jammers foram dominantes em suas frequências, sem dar qualquer chance para os sinais "jameados", que na maioria das vezes não são sequer perceptíveis. 73's, (Arthur Antonio Raimundo, Araáatuba SP Brasil, Latitude -21 13' 04'', Longitude 50 25' 55'', dxclubepryg via DXLD)

Realmente, a China está tomando conta de todo o espectro das ondas curtas. Eles estão com frequências múltiplas e com musiquinha característica para interferir mesmo. A Rússia colocava ruído forte no ar. A China coloca as tais musiquinhas. Irrita do mesmo jeito. Eles

s,,o persona no grata no mundo radial e entre outros mundos. As Olimpíadas est,,o prestes a ser boicotadas por muitas naÁies. O programa da R·dio Pequim voltado para o Brasil atÈ que È interessante. No mais est,,o jogando lixo no eter. 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira SP, ibid.)

** CHINA [and non]. China started the new type jamming of the electronic sound on 15400 kHz at 0100-0430. Target cannot confirm, but probably seems to be RFA-Tibetan.

<http://www.ndxc.org/imgbbs/img-box/img20080407125923.mp3>

de S. Aoki (S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC-HQ, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also TIBET [and non]

** COLOMBIA [non]. Folks, not enough time for DX reports although hearing 5810 the Colombian very well after 0700 (John Wright, Peakhurst NSW, Icom R8500, ICOM R75 and an ICOM R71A plus 200 odd valve receivers at my mate's place! EWE antennae, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

I.e. the leapfrog mixing product 6010v over 5910v, not to be confused with WEWN, in use 0000-0800 in Spanish, both B-07 and A-08; Oh, oh (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Re 8-042: This is part of an archive from Control Nacional de Radio, which I sent at the request from Ian Baxter about short wave transmitters in this country. Throughout the years the Monumental SW frequency of 6150 went hand in hand. After Sr. Pinto lend concession to Rogelio Sotela, owner of Radio Atenea, then to Radio Centroamericana in the mid 1970s and finally to the hands of Roberto Hernandez when the affair of Radio Impacto came in the early 1980s. We know nowadays is in the hands of DGS University of the Air.

Is not clear if Tom Williamson is referring to the late 1970s when as I recall that lady in front of Radio Monumental was journalist Nora Ruiz de Angulo; possibly SW was no longer in use.

6150 TIGPH-3 Radio Monumental Soc. Emp. Radioemisora Gonzalo Pinto
Sucs. 1000
159 del 07-02-1959 35 del 12-02-1959 CANCELADA 1107 del 03-11-1959 Del
07-11-1959

6150 TIGPH-3 Radio Monumental Leonel Pinto Saborío 1000 1108 del 03-
11-1959 CANCELADA 09 del 10-01-1966 Del 22-01-1966
(Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. Haven't looked for ELCOR transmitter myself lately, tho others have reported it missing since March 26: yes, still missing, April 7 at 2300 check of 5954.1 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** CUBA. 5025, R. Rebelde, Bauta, 0933-fadeout 0950, 05 Apr, Castilian, sports news, music; 15442 (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. Re 8-042: 6180, CUBA/USA at 0500-0700 UT, S=6. RHC English \\ 6000, 6060. Co-channel mess, also VoA Greenville in English to S Africa, 'Harare report' at 0505 UT April 7 (Wolfgang B. Schel, Stuttgart, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6300, Radio Habana Cuba; 0451-0458:40*, *0500, 5-Apr; M&W in Spanish with commentary re José Martí, revolución cubana, Castro, etc. Nat'l Anthem at 0457:50. OC stayed on and back at 0500 in English, // 6000. SIO=353 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Cumbre DX via DXLD) 6060 leaps 120 kHz over 6180 (gh, DXLD) See also WESTERN SAHARA [non]

Re RHC on 12000. Yes, I heard RHC Spanish on 12000 during the last few weeks of B-07 on and off after about 2330 UT to 0100. Sometimes it was under HCJB Spanish, sometimes on top, but usually rather weak. From 0100 to about 0300, heard in English a few times; sometimes with a very strong signal; much stronger than 6000, suggesting that it was not a harmonic. Very irregular; sometimes there, sometimes not and times varying. Today, Monday, April 7, no sign of RHC on 12000, just HCJB to 0100 (April 8). Nothing heard after 0100 to 0300 either (Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Ontario, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 5009.79, Radio Cristal Internacional, 2325-0005* April 7-8, local Spanish music. Spanish ballads. Spanish announcements. ID announcement 2359. Classical music at 0000 followed by choral music, Spanish religious talk & prayer. Abruptly pulled plug mid-way through talk. Fair signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [non]. The Berber/Arabic service from HCJB on 12025 at 2100-2145, which was very well heard via Sackville in B-07, has made its usual site switch to Rampisham UK for A-08, and as a result, barely detectable here, April 7. It's 500 kW at 168 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 6860, R. Cairo, Abis. 1800-2000 in Turkish and Russian but from April 1st (on March 31st with program of some their African Service was ultra bad modulation, too hard to understand something from the speech (I know some Turkish and more Russian) (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001, Marconi, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA ECUATORIAL. 5005, RNGE, "R. Bata, Bata, was inaudible during observations on 05 & 06 April; possibly off air.

6250, RNGE, "R.Malabo", Malabo, 1540-1840, 05 Apr, Vernacular, African pops and Spanish songs; 15341 but improved to 45433 at 1830 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6250, Radio Nacional-Malabo, 2135-2203*, April 7, Presumed. No announcements. Continuous Spanish & English pop ballads. Spanish version of a Celine Dion tune. US pop ballads. Even Louis Armstrong's What A Wonderful Life. Abrupt sign off mid-song. Fair but occasional RTTY QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6250, Radio Bata, 2102-2110, escuchada el 7 de abril en espa0ol, locutora con presentaci0n, locutor con boletín de noticias y un comunicado, ``En días pasados Radio Bata sufri0 una avería, por lo que sus transmisiones han sido a nivel local; una vez subsanados, sus emisiones son a nivel mundial``, m'sica de sintonía y locutora con comentarios, SINPO 43433 (JosÉ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Espa0a, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

20080407, 2100, 6250, Radio Nacional Guinea Ecuatorial, spa, Aoki 10 kW ND, Audio:
<http://dxswl.narod.ru/records/2008/broadcasting/20080407210502.ogg>
(Dxman, near Kursk, Russia, Cumbredx mailing list, via DXLD)

His logs are partly in Russian, which come thru only as garble, so those parts deleted (gh, DXLD)

RADIO MALABO, 6250 2100, Afropop music, talks, news in Spanish. Off air at 2150. Good signal with QSB. The audioclip is available here:
<http://blog.libero.it/radioascolto/4448237.html>
73's (Francesco Ceccone, Italy, April 7, playdx yg via DXLD) But, but Next log runs until 2202* Or was the recording axually on the same date? (gh, DXLD)

6250, Guinea Ecuatorial, RN Guinea Ecuatorial, Malabo; 7-Apr. Spanish 2125-2202 many types of musical genres selections, from Louis Armstrong to Michael Jackson with J. Iglesias, romantic Spanish, hlife African, English pop ballad. Started with strong underneath QRM, attenuated by signal improvement, abruptly s/off 32333 (L'cio Ot·vio Bobr0wiec, Embu SP Brasil, Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6250, Radio Nacional, Malabo, 0520-0537, 08-04, canciones rom·nticas en espa0ol, noticias, llamadas telef0nicas a los corresponsales de Radio Nacional en las distintas provincias. La se0al se cort0 varias veces, y a las 0537 se cort0 definitivamente. 34333 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Escuchas realizadas en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony

ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [and non]. Re my 5100 R Bana log of April 6th (below).
``5100 ERI: R Bana 1725, s/off 1800 with familiar Bana song. Local language (Apr 6)``

I guess I have to correct myself. After listening today to various Eritrean channels, I believe the program yesterday on 5100 was VOBME first program and closing music was not the "Bana song" but N/A, the one sung by the cheerful choir.

Today, I think, Eritrea was carrying clandestine programs 1600 till about 1800. Ethiopian jamming was DRM-type.

5100 was jammed continuously, I could hear the N/A in the clear at 1800.

7100 was empty most of the time, maybe this Eritrean transmitter was used on some other channel.

7175 occupied by DRM-type jammer.

7999.4 heavily jammed, at 1700 a short pause and I could hear a female voice announcing something about Somalia, then the jammer returned. Recheck around 1745, no jamming there and the program was possibly VOBME 2nd program. S/off 1800 with N/A (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. 6220, Mystery Radio (Pirate). Back again with big signal and often IDs, at 1915 with the song "When You're In Love With The Beautiful Woman" sung by Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show (no. 1 in UK on 22 Sept 1979) heard again on 30/3 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001, Marconi, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** FRANCE. PAID RELIGION VIA ISSOUDUN

I think it got lost in the various conversions of the Media Broadcast schedule (I put the PDF original in the files section of the Yahoo group), so here an outspoken mention:

The shortwave brokerage office of Media Broadcast (now located in an office building downtown Jlich, no longer on the transmitter site) put some religious broadcasters on the Issoudun transmitters, presumably all of them using this site for the very first time:

Gospel for Asia: 1530-1630 on 13750
Adventist World Radio: 1630-1700 and 1730-1759 on 17575

HCJB in German: 1700-1800 on 6015
[another added; see below]

It could be interesting to see how much use RFI still makes of Issoudun; has anybody seen a compact schedule for their shortwave transmissions?

Some background: RFI made a 20 years contract for shortwave transmissions with TDF in 1991 (i.e. it expires in just three years, so big changes could be possible then). It included a modernization project which originally called for new transmitters at Allouis and Issoudun, the new, now widely known antenna system developed for this project thus got the name ALLISS. In the end 12 ALLISS units were built at Issoudun between 1992 and 1996, using the grounds previously occupied by the antennas of a 1961 vintage transmitter complex called Centre C.

RFI uses only the new ALLISS units anymore, but TDF also kept a complex of eight 500 kW transmitters built around 1973, called Centre E. Some of their DRM experiments use the Centre E transmitters (it appears that at present two Centre E transmitters and two ALLISS units have DRM modulators), they had also been used by LJB. Maybe some of the new customers have been put on these transmitters as well, but this would need to be figured out.

<http://pagesperso-orange.fr/tvignaud/am/rfi/fr-rfi.htm>

ALLISS units and Centre E being kept:
<http://pagesperso-orange.fr/tvignaud/am/rfi/e1991-2001.htm>

More Centre E:
<http://pagesperso-orange.fr/tvignaud/am/rfi/e1970-1980.htm>
<http://pagesperso-orange.fr/tvignaud/am/rfi/centre-e.htm>

There is also again a Polskie Radio transmission via Fontbonne near Monaco (site operated by Monte-Carlo Radiodiffusion, another TDF subsidiary): Polish 1530-1630 and Belorussian 1630-1700 on 9670.

<http://pagesperso-orange.fr/tvignaud/galerie/am/06fontbonne.htm>

(Note that mediumwave 1350 and 1557 are at Fontbonne now, too. So much for this site being considered as "Monaco".)

[Later:] One transmission was missing from the original posting, so here's the completed list:

Gospel for Asia: 1530-1630 on 13750
Bible Voice Broadcasting: 1625-1715/29 on 13580, Mon-Fri only

Adventist World Radio: 1630-1700 and 1730-1759 on 17575
HCJB in German: 1700-1800 on 6015
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GABON. 4777, RTV Gabonaise (presumed); 0518-0520+, 6 April; M in French with Afro tunes; announcer frequently talks over music. Decent copy despite swiper QRM and occasional ute rumble (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

4777, R. TV Gabonaise, "R. Gabon", Melen, 1601-1635, 06 April, French, (football?) match report; 15341 but improving. During my rare GAB 4777 observations, sign-off time has been 1700: no sign-off [announcement], just abruptly off (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. Re 8-042, no DRM on 6080-6085-6090: Failure of the DRM modulator, they say that they hope to have it back on air this afternoon:
<http://forum.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,451822,576757,sv=1#msg-576757>

Basically most of the 49 mB is quiet and peaceful now, around 1120. White noise (you know what it is) on 5955 (Wertachtal) and 6090 (Junglinster [LUXEMBOURG]). Faint Brest on 6010 and Grodno [BELARUS] on 6040. A very faint carrier on 6190, really the 1950 vintage transmitter at Berlin-Britz? The only usable signals are Rampisham on 6075 (DW) and Moosbrunn on 6155 (ORF). So much for the "Europaband", as Grundig marketing called it long ago (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. CVC Chile 15410, 1401 UT April 8, had strong 4 Hz SAH from co-channel station in uncertain language, but in DXLD 8-042 this was reported as DW Amharic via Sri Lanka. Too strong for that here, especially with degraded transpolar conditions. HFCC now shows it as Meyerton, South Africa, 250 kW at 19 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. A-08 of CVC International via JUL=Juelich:
English to U.K.
1400-1600 on 7270#JUL 040 kW / 290 deg
Russian to Russia (pop music)
1400-1600 on 13670*JUL 100 kW / 060 deg >>> not active from Mar 7, NF?
Ukrainian to Ukraine (R. Emmanuil)
1600-1700 on 11855 JUL 100 kW / 085 deg
1700-1900 on 9750 JUL 100 kW / 085 deg
DRM mode * strong co-channel Radio Tirana in French via CER [sic]
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 8 via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4052.5, Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, Guatemala, 0522-0604*, 08-04, inglÈs, programa "Spiritual Songs", identificaciÙn a las 0559:

"Radio Truth, P. O. Box 5, Chiquimula, Guatemala, Central America, good bye from Edgar... Madrid". 0601 locutora en español "Hemos llegado al final de nuestras emisiones, que tengan muy buenas noches". Himno y cierre. 24322 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Escuchas realizadas en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 7125, Radio Guinea, Conakry, 0629-0645, 08-04, canciones africanas, locutor, comentarios en francés, locutora, comentarios de Guinea. 24322 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Escuchas realizadas en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR on 6065 instead of 6165 --- Dear Friends, AIR Khampur (Delhi 250 kW) was noted on 6065 kHz instead of 6165 at 1230-1500 UT in Sindhi and at 1500-1600 in Baluchi yesterday (7 Apr 08) and two days back also. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Hyderabad 500082, India, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR Guwahati back on air --- After several hours break I found AIR-Guwahati on April 6, 2008 at its usual noon-afternoon frequency of 7280 kHz around 0735 UT. I heard Sunday drama on that frequency perhaps from 0740 for 25 minutes or so. This morning i.e. April 8 and on Monday i.e. April 7 morning I found AIR-Guwahati on its usual frequency on 4940 kHz loud & clear. That's its back & loud & clear on shortwave. 73 & 55, Gautam Kumar Sharma, Abhayapuri, Assam, India (via Alokesh Gupta, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 11785, V. of Indonesia, Cimanggis. At 1555 bird IS (anyone can help me for the name of this bird please?), ID in English and program in Arabic, later from 2000 program was in English, seems they will shift the frequency to 15150 from May, 30/3 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001, Marconi, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

11784.86, Voice of Indonesia, 1800-1805+, April 7, English ID at 1800 and into listed German programming. Weak. Looking for English at 2000 but WHRI sign on at 2000 completely covering Indonesia (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [and non]. Re 8-042: Glenn, Apologies for the error in the Indonesian times. At 2100 I was definitely on 15235 so I think on this item only I thought "local" time rather than UT. I remember looking at my watch just as the signal went off and seeing 20 past. With a full evening listening I hope you will forgive one lapse. Please alter the entry accordingly. 73's (Dan Goldfarb, Brentwood, England, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] Glenn, If CBC French/English is now 2000 then I remember leaving CBC at 2005 and then checking 11785. VOI heard 2005-2020. The contents of my apology were therefore false. I'd better stop digging now!!! Oh, dear. 73's (Dan Goldfarb, England, ibid.) Now I'm more confused than ever; oh, well (gh)

** INTERNATIONAL. CVC A-08 schedules are filed in this issue under AUSTRALIA, CHILE, GERMANY, UZBEKISTAN, ZAMBIA

** IRAN. 3985, Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran via Kamalabad verified with a full data including site The Main Portico and the Wind Towers of Khaneh ye Borujerdi (House) Kashan, card in 99 days. The station sent along the latest frequencies and times of broadcast schedule and a magazine (Mahjubah The Islamic Family magazine). (Rich D'Angelo, PA, April Australian DX News, always without the D', via DXLD)

** IRAN. 11656.41, IRIB Zahedan in Arabic, 0430 UT April 7, 0230-0530, later move to v13800 kHz till 1430 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, Stuttgart, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. April 8, 2008 (UT) I tuned to 6973 kHz and heard a broadcast that sounded like Hebrew. I listened from 0042 until 0059. I heard music that sounded like it came from Israel. I heard songs by both males and females. The signal was terrible, SINPO = 5,5,2,2,3. The SINPO rating is better than the signal actually was, the noise and fading kept me from getting anything close to a clear ID at 0059. Tentatively I would say this was Galei, Zahal, Tel Aviv, Israel. For those looking for a QSL, this may be the only opportunity for it from Israel now. The rcvr. was a NRD-545, and I was utilizing one of my inside antennae (16' NASA). (John Davis, location unknown, NASWA yg via DXLD)

I'd say the odds are good it was GZ; not that many broadcast stations on 6973 (gh, DXLD)

6973, Galei Zahal, Tel Aviv. Animated discussion in Hebrew. Fair level signal 2108, 2/4 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony ICF-2001D and 70m long wire), DXpedition at Yeranda, near Dungog NSW [same equipment?], April Australian DX News via DXLD)

0600-0800 on 31/3 in Hebrew all time // 15785. Everywhere are given as alternate frequencies 6973 and 15785, but here for just 3 seasons already all day time (approx. 0500-1800) both frequencies are on the air in //.

6985, Radio REQA in Russian. One of the last programs of V. of Israel heard here, with program called "The History Of Tango" and with many

phone calls from different countries and continents even at 2030, also on // 7545 and spur 7508 on 30/3 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001, Marconi, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. Re 8-042: Clandestine from Israel to Lebanon and Palestine

Hi Tarek, thank you for the tip. Heard also here in Finland with clear ID now since 2145 while Romania is off for some reason. As you say, maybe they have a new transmitter, sounds stronger than the listed 50 kW. Let's see if the extended schedule is permanent. Best regards, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 756 kHz

Hello Mauno, Yes, I have been following them for the last 3 days and I can confirm that their extended schedule is still on, and BTW I can pick them up in the usual hours now in Cairo till 0600 UT. All the best (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, ibid.)

** JAPAN. No NHK broadcasts in English 1430-2200? Glenn, as far as I know the decision to eliminate any NHK broadcasts between 1430 and 2200 was a result of the cuts/elimination of foreign language services last fall. Only feature programs are aired in the 20-minute releases at 2200 and 0000, the latter of which there is a relay to Europe that is heard at 2am CEDT. No wonder they don't have staff available to do live news or programming during the overnight (JST) hours -- note the gap between the 1400 and 0500 news airings! I had suggested that Radio Japan could do European listeners a favor and move the UK relay to the 2200 slot alongside 13640-Oceania, in order for an earlier timing to be available for them (Joe Hanlon, NJ, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. What's left of NHK World Radio Japan's English service does come up with some varied and interesting topix. Tue April 8 on 11705 via Canada at 1410, it was about relocating albatrosses from their home breeding island S of Japan subject to volcanic eruptions, to another volcano-free island, the name of neither caught; and then teaching people to sing on-key, by controlling the transition from normal to falsetto voice, with some excruciating before-and-after examples (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See LANGUAGE LESSONS

** KOREA NORTH. 9665.5 KCBS, Pyongyang, 1441-..., 05 Apr, Korean, songs; 23433 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. JSR-Shiokaze is attacked by North Korean jamming from Apr. 4. QSY of morning service (local time, i.e. 2030-2100 UT) from 6045 to 5965 kHz from Apr. 9 (S. Hasegawa, NDXC-HQ, Japan, April 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. RE: 8-042: Laos & 8-043: UNID on 6130 kHz --- Hi Glenn, Noted the Lao National Radio website has a 6130 kHz (plus AM 567) schedule.

It closely follows my reception for the past two Saturdays at 1400-1430 UT (21:00 ñ 21:30 local time in Laos), with about 15 minutes of news, followed by program of learning English. The only difference in the schedule is the days: they list Mon. & Tue. and so far I have only caught them on Sat. Would be interesting to know just what their full schedule actually is, especially for the English and French lessons.
<http://www.lnr.org.la/Program/SchAM%20567%20or%206,130%20KHz.doc>
The last few weeks have seen a marked improvement in their overall reception. The audio clip of my March 29 reception, at 1416 UT, has been posted (Ron Howard, CA, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. Lao National Radio sent an electronic reply to a postal follow-up asking for further reports, in 126 days from Inpanh Satchaphansy, Head of External Relations promising a postal reply after returning home after attending a workshop in Thailand. I put the e-mail reply aside for over two years while waiting for the postal reply that I am still waiting for, hi! My verie signer in now the Diretcor of Internet Services so I am not sure who should get reports now at LNR. Anyway, it is always good to QSL a new country even if it takes over two years to do the bookkeeping, Hi. NASWA C/V #226 (Richard A. D'Angelo, April NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** LAOS [non]. 11655, Suab Xaa Moo Zoo via Taiwan. Weak and noisy signal of group singing with musical accompaniment. Male speaker in listed Hmong. 2336 2/4 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony ICF-2001D and 70m long wire), DXpedition at Yeranda, near Dungog NSW [same equipment?], April Australian DX News via DXLD)

15260, Hmoob Moi Them R. via Taiwan. Weak but relatively clear signal of speakers in (presumed) Hmong followed by pleasant Asian music on wind instruments. 0118 22/3 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony ICF-2001D and 70m long wire), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** LIBYA. LIBIA, 15660, Voice of Africa, 1754-1759, escuchada el 8 de abril en franc s a locutora con comentarios, segmento de m sica, ID ``Voice du Africa`` [sic], referencia a ``La Uni n Africana``; se corta abruptamente a las 1759, SINPO 55555. Se anuncia este servicio de 1600 a 1700 en HFCC A-08 (Jos  Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Espa a, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MACAU. 738 kHz - English ID --- Hi Glenn, while listening to Radio Vila Verde in Macau on 738 kHz at around 1533 UT via GlobalTuners site in Hongkong, they are now giving an English ID possibly around every half hour (Will get full ID for you in the next day or so). Regards (Tony Magon, VK2IC, Sydney NSW, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

With a station so named, you might expect them to broadcast at least a bit in Portuguese, but do they now? When I visited Portuguese Macau in

10/86, I got the impression that English was the second language and Portuguese a distant third. So the English ID is maybe a new thing? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD) [or 4th, after Cantonese, Standard Chinese]

** MADAGASCAR. SHORTWAVE STATION IN MADAGASCAR IS A "SOFT EARMARK."

"A [Congressional] committee 'endorses' or notes it 'is aware' of deserving programs and 'urges' or 'recommends' that agencies finance them. That was how taxpayer money was requested last year for a Christian broadcasting group to build a shortwave radio station in Madagascar."

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/07/washington/07earmarks.html?_r=1&ref=us&oref=slogin

New York Times, 7 April 2008. See previous post about Madagascar World Radio, still under construction. Posted: 07 Apr 2008 (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

[pertinent excerpt of PORK BARREL REMAINS HIDDEN IN U.S. BUDGET :]

Financing for the shortwave radio station, called the Madagascar World Voice, for example, began as a hard earmark request by Representative Pete Sessions, Republican of Texas. Mr. Sessions originally sought \$2.5 million for World Christian Broadcasting, a group based in Nashville that broadcasts in several countries and promotes abstinence to prevent AIDS. The House Appropriations Committee converted it to a soft earmark. A spokesman for World Christian Broadcasting said the organization had been in discussions with A.I.D. about the financing (via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. 6049.64, Asyik FM & Suara Islam (Voice of Islam) via RTM, 1359, April 6. Audio clip has been posted: Asyik FM singing jingle (end of program), 2 pips, choral Anthem, ID "Radio Suara Islam Kuala Lumpur", along with frequencies (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. R. Educaci n, 6185 at 2300z, with a YL announcer first in English then into Spanish. I haven't heard English before on R Educaci n (Jerry Lenamon, Waco Texas, Drake R8B, T2FD, April 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That was the first day of DST in M xico, so XEPPM should have just moved its entire schedule one UT hour earlier; on 6185 *2300-1100+ instead of *0000-1200+. Please check at what time the really close down and watch out for occasional daytime operations. I reported them recently with an English sign-on announcement when it was at 0000 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also WORLD OF HOROLOGY

R. Mil, 6010, good at 0711 April 7, ``Vive la M sica de M xico``, no

QRM so guess Colombia not on; 6185 XEPPM was much stronger, loud and clear with accordion music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6010, Radio Mil, MÈxico D.F., 0635-0815, 08-04, canciones y comentarios entre canciones: "Radio Mil, vive la m'sica de MÈxico", canciones de Rocío Durcal, "En Radio Mil, vive la m'sica de MÈxico". "Gracias por compartir con nosotros escuchando la m'sica mexicana". A las 0714: "Las dos catorce minutos, diecisiete grados", anuncio de programas: "Buenos días MÈxico, de lunes a viernes de 9 de la mañana a 1 de la tarde", "Radio Mil, siempre un paso adelante". "Radio Mil, Mil AM y 6010 kHz, banda internacional de 49 metros". Hasta las 0900 interferencia de BBC World en 6005 y SINPO 22222 a partir 0900 cierra la BBC y SINPO 34333. No interfiere hoy LVTC. (MÈndez)

6185, Radio Educaciùn, MÈxico D.F., 0709-0830, 08-04, Estupendo programa de m'sica y canciones latinoamericanas, canciones de Carlos Santana "Oye como va", "Samba pa tì", identificaciùn: "Est·n escuchando Radio Educaciùn, MÈxico Distrito Federal", "2 de la mañana con 36 minutos y 20 segundos, para ser exactos". "Radio Educaciùn, 1060 AM, 100.000 watts de potencia, transmitimos desde Colonia del Valle, MÈxico D. F.", "Escuchamos otros ·mbitos de la m'sica, El Trío Calavera". 34433 variando a 44444 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Escuchas realizadas en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MIDWAY ISLAND. KH4. It was announced this past week that after six years of no possibility of landing on Midway Atoll, the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service is reportedly reopening the Atoll for visits. For complete details, please visit:

<http://www.fws.gov/midway/Midway0Snr011508.pdf>

(The Ohio/Penn DX PacketCluster, DX Bulletin No. 853, April 7, 2008, Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio), via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. 4895, Mongolian Radio, Murun, 2250-2258, 07-04, canciones en mongol. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Escuchas realizadas en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Not to be confused with the pirate from SICILY on 4895

** MOROCCO. Re 8-042: RTM heard carrying their Kor'an programme via 15335 until 1400 - NOT // 15340 which had their General Arabic programme - when both joined with General Arabic after the time signal. Assumedly 15335 is still Breich and 15340 Nador. 15335 is the strongest signal and splashing 15340 at my location (Noel R. Green (NW England), April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. Daytime observations of several RTM outlets on 06 Apr:

207, Azilal, "A", 1122-..., \\ 819, 94.2 VHF; 55555.
 540, Tahadart, "R", 1120-..., bad audio, \\ 711 L,ayoune; 55555
 612, SÈbaa-Aioun, "R", 1117-..., good audio; 55555
 711, L,ayoune, "R", 1112-1300, weak audio as usual, // 540 Tahadart
 819, Rabat, "A", 1109-..., bad audio, \\ 207 Azilal
 1044, SÈbaa-Aioun, "C" (Berber), 1101-..., good audio, \\ 95.3 VHF;
 54454, splatter de POR 1035
 1080, Casablanca, "Q", 1051-1300, good audio; 35353
 1593, Marrakech (?) (I doubt it's as far), 1 kW?, 1047-..., French,
 western pops; \\ 1643, the one with the strange modulation;
 15342
 1643, site?, "B", 1040-..., French, western pops, news at 1100, etc.,
 English 1400, news; 35453; this one is still with the weird FM
 like signal.

The 1187.9 "C" outlet listed as Casablanca is indeed missing on the
 list, but that was my fault; I did scan every single listed frequency,
 and no more than the above mentioned was received.

Curiously, the several observed VHF-FM transmitters exhibit a 3 sec.
 feed delay relative to the parallel LF or MF txs (Carlos GonÁalves,
 Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST) presumably from his SW coast QTH (gh)

** NEW ZEALAND. RNZI again on 7145 from 1100 to 1300 UT, Tuesday,
 April 8, instead of 9655. Excellent reception. (Same as Friday, April
 4 as reported in DXLD 8-043.) At 1100, Pacific Regional News followed
 by Dateline Pacific. Tradewinds at 1130 to 1145, then music. At 1200,
 News at 10 (15 minutes) then Late Edition (RNZ National repeats). At
 1300 to scheduled 6095. Signal poor (Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Ontario,
 DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Several observations on RNZI Rangitaiki, A08 schedule:
 7145, 0935-1058*, 30 Mar, English, Media Watch program oldies, sign-
 off announcements; 45433 but very fluttery towards the end.
 7145, 1800-1845, 30 Mar, English, talks; 12441, adjacent QRM.
 9615, 1901-..., 30 Mar, English, news; 32421, adjacent QRM.
 9655, 1102-1224, 03 {30?} Mar, English, Pacific News, etc.; 15321.
 11725, 0616-0658*, 01 Apr, English, National R news program
 Checkpoint, music; 23422
 13840 0024-..., 05 Apr, English, interview; 25422 (Carlos GonÁalves,
 Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Re 8-043, times for Radio New Zealand Media Watch
 Programme --- Hi Wolfgang, The times you mentioned for Media Watch are
 basically correct. The first broadcast is on Sunday morning (local
 time) after the News and weather at 9:00 AM and it is repeated after
 the 10:00 PM (local time) News and weather.

The 9:00 AM bulletin is scheduled to run for 5 minutes, then a 30 second programme trailer follows and then the weather forecast which lasts for about a minute. Media Watch would appear at about 9:07 AM (Saturday 2107 UT, 13840drn 15720).

The same pattern happens at 10:00 PM, except that the News bulletin runs for 10 minutes, then a 30 second programme trailer follows and then the weather forecast which lasts for about a minute. Media Watch should start at approximately 10:12 PM (Sunday 1012 UT, 6170drn 7145).

When daylight saving is in force, all of these times are one hour earlier. I hope that clears the mystery up! Regards, (Barry Hartley, RNZ, via Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 6165-6170-6175 DRM, RNZI, Rangitaiki. NF for DRM service 0702, news bulletin 0702, SNR to 15.5dB, 5/4 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW (Icom R75, Yaesu FRG-7700, Horizontal Loop, Dipole, DreamÆ DRM software), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. DRM noise 6165-6170-6175, April 7 at 0714, while RNZI AM was on 7145. At 1303, RNZI news on proper 6095 with news over Firedrake which was // 6085 much stronger against Taiwan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGER. 9705 La Voix du Sahel, Niamey, 1032-1235, 05 Apr, vernacular, talks,..., French at 1300 for newscast; 35443 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4991, R Manantial (presumed), Ancash/Huancayo; 8-April, Spanish 0050-0113 sounded like religious music, 0113-0120 male preacher talks "la palabra del Dios, amados oyentes...". Only with 4985 R Brasil Central, Goi,nia off, was viable this listening, weak signal but getting better, adjacent QRM 22322. 73's (L'cio Ot-vio BobrÚwiec, Embu SP Brasil, Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6173.8, Radio Tawantinsuyo, Cuzco, 2357-0015, 07-04, locutor, espa0ol, comentario "El desarrollo de la regiÚn", mencionada "Cusco". Se escucha a partir de las 2357 que cierran emisoras internacionales en 6175. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Escuchas realizadas en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. QSL RECIBIDAS:

RADIO ONDAS DEL HUALLAGA 3330 KHZ - HUANUCO
Tarjeta QSL preparada en 15 dÍas, sticker

Vrs./ Flaviano Llanos M / Gerente

RADIO LUZ Y SONIDO 3235 KHZ ñ HUANUCO

Tarjeta QSL preparada en 15 días, carta personal, boletín de programación, Vrs./ Luis Condezo / Director

RADIO QUILLABAMBA 5025 KHZ. ñ CUZCO

Tarjeta QSL en 1 año

Vrs./ Javier Cabrera / Administrador

RADIO ONDAS DEL SUR ORIENTE ñ 5070 KHZ ñ CUZCO

Carta QSL con todos los datos completos en dos años

Vrs./ Director

(CESAR PEREZ DIOSES, CHIMBOTE, PERU, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Summer A-08 of Radio Rossii in Russian to WeEu:

0400-0800 on 12070 MSK 250 kW / 260 deg

0820-1300 on 13665 MSK 250 kW / 260 deg

1320-1700 on 9470 MSK 250 kW / 260 deg till Sep. 6

1320-1700 on 9480 MSK 250 kW / 260 deg from Sep. 7

1720-2100 on 7120 MSK 250 kW / 260 deg

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 8 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. R/SSIA - Entre 30 de março e 6 de setembro, as emissões em português da Voz da Rússia ocorrem no seguinte esquema: das 2100 às 2200, em 5920 e 7310 kHz, com destino à Portugal; entre 2300 e 0000, em 7200, 7300, 11510 e 12010 kHz, com destino ao Brasil.

R/SSIA - Nas emissões das quartas-feiras, a programação em português da Voz da Rússia leva ao ar o programa Onda DX. Desde março, o segmento possui a produção do experiente Francisco Pancho Rodríguez que, há muitos anos, apresenta o segmento Frecuencia DX dentro das emissões em espanhol da Voz da Rússia. O Onda DX é produzido por Pancho e tem a apresentação do locutor Vitali Gnatiuk. Também leva ao ar uma colaboração de notícias atuais das ondas curtas, editada por Célio Romais, de Porto Alegre (RS), em nome do DX Clube do Brasil (Célio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX April 6 via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 21460, BSKSA, Riyadh. With new service or mistaken freq? On 31/3 in unID language and ID "Soudi Arebia He" at 1250 but the program started before and goes on an after 1300. Usually here is a program Kor'an Kerim in Arabic (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001, Marconi, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

21670, BSKSA, Riyadh. Big signal in Indonesian (despite opposite beam) starting at 0856 with IS but later on the frequency are heard above program and also weaker Kor'an Kerim program --- mismatch from two studios, 2/4 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001, Marconi,

April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. Re 8-043, ARS: Re: ARS 7175 --- Hi Glenn, This was posted to the DXLD list as item 26583 on 20 March. Monitoring it is a challenge, owing to heavy Ethiopian jamming and Eritrea shifting its frequencies (see Jari's posting 27221). Also, note that it is twice a week only.

This is a separate Radio Freedom (Xoriyo) to that operated for some years by the (Somali-speaking) Ogaden insurgents via Juelich, etc. Only connection is that they are both in Somali and anti-Ethiopian. Best regards, (Chris Greenway, England, April 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. OMG! Brother Scare on WWVA!

Last night [Saturday April 5], I tuned in to 1170 WWVA for the first time in a long time, thinking I'd hear their long-running live show Jamboree USA. No such luck. Instead, I got the gravelly voice of Brother Scare, telling me the world was about to end and more of his silliness. I knew that some of their time was given over to these types, but this was about 2130 EDT [0130 UT Sunday], and Jamboree had never ended that early in the past (Dan Malloy, KA1RDZ, April 6, ODXA yg via DXLD)

According to their website it's supposed to run from 6 to 10 pm [2200-0200 UT]. The Jamboree that is.
<http://2005.wwva.com/pages/programschedule.html>

I used to listen to WRVA and WWVA a lot, but not so much in recent years. I think old Brother Scare has been on there for some time. Used to be a lot of good local programming on both, but it seems, like many stations, they drifted to syndicated programming one can hear elsewhere (Fred Waterer, Ont., ibid.)

** SPAIN. 9775-9780-9785 DRM, REE, Noblejas. Earlier now, Spanish news 0704, SNR 18.3dB, very steady but audio sounds thin, 5/4 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW (Icom R75, Yaesu FRG-7700, Horizontal Loop, Dipole, DreamA DRM software), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** SPAIN. REE teaching Spanish to Arabs, Monday April 7 at 2049 on 12015. This is 250 kW, 110 degrees from Noblejas until 2200. Continuous RTTY QRM of almost equal level here, sounding very much like the same on 9830 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [non]. REE relay in COSTA RICA: A-08 scheduling of Clásicos Populares is now Mon/Tue/Wed only at 1305-1400, best audible here on 15170, which is strong but lo-fi; April 7 program lasted right up until 1400 rather than cutting off at 1355 as used to happen at 1455

in B-season on 17595, which is still // direct from Spain but not propagating much that early with SF down to 69 again. At 1400, it was announced on 15170 that service to America would resume at 1800 on 9765, 17850; and then off the air.

Also Tue April 8 at 1350, the show was interviewing someone speaking English, apparently without consecutive or voice-over translation. At 1358 before closing, said that tomorrow the program would originate live from Jaen at 3 pm, so this 1300+ UT broadcast is apparently a direct relay from domestic network Radio 1 as on the HOE pdf schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTNEING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 9770, SLBC, Ekala. 0230 with special program about death of writer Arthur C. Clark (very popular in Bulgaria too!), no traces of signals on // 6005 and 15745, on 19/3 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001, Marconi, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 11805, Sudan Radio Service, via Skelton. African accented English with local and international news, fair through static at 0305 on 3/4 (John Adams, Beech Forest Vic (JRC NRD-535, 24 Metre long wire), April Australian DX News vi DXLD)

** SYRIA. SÔRIA - Em 2008, Damasco È a capital da cultura árabe. Os ouvintes que escreverem para a programaÁ,,o em espanhol da R·dio Damasco citando algumas atividades desenvolvidas por tal ocasi,,o, receber,,o prêmios da estaÁ,,o. A R·dio Damasco também preparou novos carties de confirmaÁ,,o com motivos que lembram o tema. As informaÁies s,,o da apresentadora da emissora, Marian Galindo. A dica È do Eduardo Peñailillo, de Santiago, no Chile. A programaÁ,,o em espanhol vai ao ar, entre 2215 e 2330, pela freqüência de 9330 kHz (CÉlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX April 6 via DXLD)

** TIBET [and non]. Saludos cordiales, hoy 8 de abril se observa Firedrake Dragon contra la Voz del Tibet a las 1230 en 17600, se anuncia 17598 para Voice del Tibet; a las 1255 sin embargo la encuentro en 17592. Por otra parte se aprecia la voz de un hombre con comentarios de fondo, practicamente inaudible. 73 (José Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CHINA [and non]

** TIMOR LESTE. Altho not a rare station, I logged YDV1, RRI Díli in November of 1976. I took about a half-hour log as the quality of the signal was astounding! They verified my report in December. I was so thrilled by the quality of the signal that I never thought to scan 90 or 120m for any other Indonesian stations. I realized this about 2 hours after the sun came up. What a jerk! I still think about this to this day (Sam Barto, CT, QSL Report, April NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** U K. BBCWS English on 13865 was booming in here Monday, April 7,

from 1745 UT tune in to 1900. The bclnews.it website lists it at 500 kW from Rampisham to Russia from 1700 to 1900 UT. The BBCWS website today still lists only 6195 and 12095 at this time. The program of news was different to the program to Africa heard on 12095, 15400 and 17830 where they were talking about the Olympic flame relay and the protests for much of the time (Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Ontario, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Heard well again April 7 at 1730 check. Seems to hold even during poor conditions such as today, heard every day checked so far (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But not so good April 8 (gh, ibid.)

** U K. It's always a struggle to keep up with hearing all my favourite programmes each week. The BBC radio player is a great tool, but you've got only one week to hear what you want to hear, as Artie Bigley recently discovered, to his dismay. On Tuesdays one of my faves is The Music Goes Round with Desmond Carrington, now at 18-19 UT. One daren't start listening much past 19 the following Tuesday, but I found I had no choice April 8 as I didn't think of it until 1857, so away I went listening to the April 1 show which was still available.

We know exactly when BBC Radio 2 replaced the Apr 1 show with the Apr 8 file, since the player stopped and went back to zero at 1942, half a sesquihour into last week's program --- so I lucked out and got most of it this time, anyway. Restarting the player went instead to the just-aired April 8 show, and you can even pick up in that hour where you left off in last week's hour. Instead, for now I moved on to The Organist Entertains, ahead of its own new edition Tuesdays at 2100-2130 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. Re 8-043: ``Due to some kind of mixup, VOA programs to Africa on 17895 were going out from Greenville in English or French and simultaneously French via Bonaire in the 1730-2030 UT period or parts thereof. That was as of April 3; not sure if this has been resolved yet and how (gh)``

Hi Glenn, This has finally been sorted out. As from this evening, Bonaire will use 17550 instead of 17895 for French to West Africa. Greenville will continue to use 17895 for English. 73, (Andy Sennitt, RNW, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

By moving Bonaire to 17550:

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/frequency-change-for-voa-in-french-via-bonaire>

The VOA frequency schedules now suggest that French is on that new 17550 1830-2030 while Greenville on 17895 carries English 1830-2100.

What caused this mess? It was known for months that they will have to

make do without Briech now, so I really cannot realize how this could require hectic, last minute and even day-after plannings. Could it be that the actual trouble was to figure out how much money can be spent on the distribution of certain programs? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. VOA Spe-cial Eng-lish on 15565, April 8 at 1356; poor. At 1401 recheck had switched to Russian. This is Woofferton, 250 kW, 82 degrees at 1300-1500.

VOA English news on 17530, April 8 at 1403, fair at first, but fading out after a few minutes. This is supposed to be Greenville at 1400-1430 only. Checked again at 1429 when only a carrier could be detected, no break at 1430, and went off at 1431:20*. Thailand is supposed to take over the same service to Africa at 1430, but not surprisingly, inaudible here. I suppose Greenville foregoes a formal Yankee Doodle sign-off to avoid colliding with itself via Udorn? But keeping it on an unnecessary sesquiminute may contradict that (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Frequency change for Radio Free Asia in Tibetan:
1100-1200 NF 17750 KWT 250 kW / 070 deg, ex 17855

Frequency change for Radio Free Europe in Turkmen:
1400-1600 NF 13725 WER 250 kW / 075 deg, ex 15170/15460 \\ ???

VOA Radio Aap Ki Dunyaa reintroduces SW service for Urdu:

0100-0200 on 7145 IRA 250 kW / 332 deg
11805 UDO 250 kW / 300 deg
1400-1500 on 9580 KWT 250 kW / 070 deg
NF 15790*UDO 250 kW / 296 deg, ex 15255

* strong QRM Galei Zahal on 15788.3v
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 8 via DXLD)

** U S A. Save Ferris --- I happened to hear a bit of WYFR this afternoon with Harold Camping's slow droning that would put nearly anyone to sleep and I realized who this was: the teacher from "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Have they ever been seen in the same room together? "Anyone, anyone? ... Bueller, Bueller?" (Dan Malloy, KA1RDZ, April 6, ODXA yg via DXLD) That would be Ben Stein, a MUCH smarter guy (gh)

** U S A. WYFR sometimes comes up with some neat music, but not for long. Get into it at your own risk. 13800, April 8 at 1342 came upon piano variations on ``Walls of Jericho``, chopped off at 1344 for IS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 6604, WSY70. NEW YORK (Located at Riverhead, on the east end

of Long Is. Cubic CTX0500 Transmitter at 5KW) VOLMET with group including Bangor at 0910 (Alex Wellner of Bondi, NSW, Utility DX Roundup, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** U S A. 1710 kHz, PIRATE, Radio Top Inter??? Boston, MASS area Apr/04/08 2240 EDT, FRENCH --- Local Boston Haitian Pirate presumed. Male DJ spoke French 2240-2245 EDT. Still in at 2252 with male and Female speaking French. NO ID heard, so just presumed this is them???? RELOG; Previously heard here in London. Radio Used was SONY SRF-T615 Barefoot, and ETON E-100 Barefoot. Location was Shadow Lake ODXA DX Camp, located on Musselman Lake, near Stouffville, Ontario (North Of Toronto). (Robert S. Ross VA3SW, London, Ontario, CANADA N6A5K1, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** U S A. TIS STATION on 1640 from Columbus is in the news

This is sad because a was hoping to get a cheap flight on SKYBUS. I thought these cheap flights were to good to be true...

http://www.10tv.com/live/content/local/stories/2008/04/06/skybus_impact.html?sid=102

Glenn, You may find this report of interest because the Airport TIS station on 1640 AM was the first word that most SkyBus passengers got of the demise of SKYBUS Airlines. At least, if this report is to be believed.

As a car is driving by, the sign flashes;

#1. URGENT

#2 SKYBUS PASSENGERS

#3. TUNE TO 1640 AM

This TIS station sighed on about 3 years ago and had good coverage of a TIS. I get in West Columbus about 15 miles away on my Sony Walkman.

Click here for the video report: <http://tinyurl.com/3ocqzd>
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. A-08 of CVC The Voice Asia via TAC=Tashkent:
English to South Asia

0300-0900 on 15515 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg

English to India

0100-0300 on 11790 TAC 100 kW / 141 deg

0300-0600 on 13680 TAC 100 kW / 141 deg

Hindi to India

0000-0400 on 6260 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg

0400-1100 on 13630 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg

1100-1400 on 13820 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
1400-2000 on 6260 TAC 100 kW / 153 deg
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 8 via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [and non]. Re 8-043: Hello Glenn, there was no Alô Presidente Sunday 6th of April as the Great Leader had other more important things to do. I was going to watch the program on Venezolana de Televisiôn, and they informed the viewers that Ch·vez was not going to do his show. That's why RHC had nothing to transmit (Eric SM6JSM Lund, Karlsborg, Sweden, April 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Communications must have improved between Caracas and Habana, as formerly they would turn on the transmitters and start up show with RHC runup programs, only to find that Hugo wasn't going to do a show that week, and then turn them off, disappointed (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 7280, V of Vietnam. Remains here for A08 from own sites, heard on 31/3 at 1600 sign-on in English and on // 7220, 9730, but not noted on 9550 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001, Marconi, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 6300, RASD, Rabouni. Fair level signal of group singing with wind instrument accompaniment 2112 2/4 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony ICF-2001D and 70m long wire), DXpedition at Yeranda, near Dungog NSW [same equipment?], April Australian DX News via DXLD)

Saludos cordiales, tanto ayer 6 de abril cÙmo hoy 7, observo que la Radio Nacional Saharawi est· inactiva en 6300 kHz, no he encontrado frecuencia de reemplazo. Hoy sintonicÈ la frecuencia y esperÈ hasta mas all· de las 1710 sin resultado, tampoco a las 1800 UT, esperando unos minutos por si acaso se demoraba. Esperaba un posible cambio de horario, sin resultado, sin embargo a las 1825 consigo captarla con excelente seõal, SINPO 45454. Cambio de horario?? (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ALGERIA, 6300, Polisario Radio in Arabic is back tonight, noted at 1800 UT onwards. SW outlet from Tindouf refugee camp missing on past weekend (Wolfgang B·schel, Germany, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ALGERIA: 6300, Radio ;rabe Sahuari [sic] Democr·tica (presumed); 2226-2231+, 4 April; M commentaries in Arabic; LL [unknown language] vocal tune. SIO=2+42, cleanest in LSB, occasional ute trill QRM (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

A Frente Polisario continua activa nos 1550 e 6300 kHz, e no mesmo

hor·rio, sendo 2300-0000 em castelhano, como habitualmente. Por vezes (e hoje aconteceu), o sinal de áudio emudece, mas ficam as portadoras.

Costumo segui-los nos 1550 kHz, QRG que se mantém melhor à noite do que em 6300 porque, pelo menos por cá, já é demasiado alta, ficando nós na "zona de silêncio." Bons DX e melhores 73. (Carlos Gonçalves, April 7, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. A-08 of CVC International via LUS=Lusaka:
English to West Africa and Nigeria
0500-0600 on 9430 LUS 100 kW / 315 deg
0600-2100 on 13590 LUS 100 kW / 315 deg

A-08 of Christian Voice via LUS=Lusaka:
English to South and Central Africa
0600-1600 on 6065 LUS 100 kW / non-dir
1600-0600 on 4965 LUS 100 kW / non-dir
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 8 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4876.0, April 5+7, both 1900*, much talk in unID language (possibly French) by at least two people, plus some bass/drum-dominated music. Lengthy announcement before s/off. No idea. Absolutely (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Maybe another pirate, cf. SICILY, 8-043, 4895, or harmonic; tho looks more like a professional operation (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Saludos cordiales, hoy 7 de abril desde las 1715 estoy escuchando en 6881 a KBC Radio, ¿test de emisión?. Pueden confirmar. 73 (José Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I file this under unID, since it is not at all clear whence this emanate; the same Mighty KBC Radio, based in Netherlands, and with regular legal broadcasts via Lithuania? 6881 smax of piracy (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) e.g.:

2008 04 05, 2240, 6882, Radio playback international, Eng (dxman, near Kursk, Russia, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

6882, Play Back International, 1802-1813+, escuchada el 8 de abril en inglés a locutor con comentarios y emisión de música, SINPO 34443 (José Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), España, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So they were Playing Back KBC earlier? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7120. April 7th. Sign-on at 1502 on 7120.3 (it's .37 says Mauno, thanks). Modulation improved 1605 and I could hear non-stop music. I'd say Sudan/Djibouti style, a bit sad songs. I couldn't hear any talks, of course the Chinese splatter was at times strong.

Luckily the ute 7122 was silent (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7165/9560.5 via Ethiopia, April 7, 1800-1830x*, possibly Somali, but didn't sound like an actual R. Ethiopia programme (gong at 1830 was missing), but a relay. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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## PUBLICATIONS

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AOKI A-08 IS READY!

Here is the link to the updated Aoki list, courtesy of NDXC. Apologies if this has already been posted. I have a backlog of DX list e-mails I haven't read yet. <http://www.geocities.jp/binewsjp/bia08.txt>  
73, (Scott Barbour, April 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The new A08 schedules at the Nagoya DX Circle website are now available--includes azimuth, power, language, etc.:  
<http://www.geocities.jp/binewsjp/bia08.txt>  
(Joe Hanlon, NJ, April 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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BARTO DISPOSING OF ENTIRE COLLEXION

Special announcement: don't worry, I'm not going anywhere. I'm still going to do the QSL Column and get in some good DXing; however, I have decided to sell all of the radio station memorabilia I've collected over 50 years of DXing. I have completed a listing of 3345 items. They range from over 1800 decals/stickers to ladies' silk panties from BBC Radio Stoke, from large cloth wall hangings to hand-painted pictures from HCJB among others. If you are interested in obtaining the list and possibly purchasing any of these items, please contact me (Sam Barto, 78 Blakeman Road, Thomaston, CT 06787, April NASWA Journal via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: CHILE; ETHIOPIA; FRANCE; GERMANY; NEW  
+++++ ZEALAND; SPAIN. DTV: CANADA

## WORLD OF HOROLOGY

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MEXICO DST STARTS ON FORMER USA DATE

Clocks in Tijuana have sprung forward, ending the one hour of difference between San Diego and TJ: <http://tinyurl.com/5952ud> (CGC Communicator April 7 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

#### LANGUAGE RESSONS +++++

It seems one is not allowed to use the word ``erection`` in the NASWA Flashsheet, as my report was `corrected` to read: ``Today's Angle on NHK World Network Radio Japan, 11705 via Canada, April 4 at 1411 was a discussion of the "General Election" in South Korea, hee hee.`` --- but then why would I be giggling about what they really said? Anyhow, freer speech reigns in DXLD.

Perhaps I should explain: Japanese and Chinese have a hard time distinguishing between the L and R sounds in English. Mandarin-speakers tend to change R to L; the reverse for Japanese, or just to mix them up. This causes us some good-natured amusement. Their efforts to speak English are incomparably superior to our efforts, if any, to speak Chinese or Japanese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### PROPAGATION +++++

According to several groups of scientific researchers involved in the analysis of solar activity, the still ongoing solar cycle number 23 may be the one with the longest most extended period of extremely low activity. In other words and in plain language, cycle 23 has extended its minimum beyond any of the forecasts and may be a record breaking solar event as compared with the last seven solar cycles.

So amigos, we must continue to wait until solar cycle 24 really starts changing what is happening 93 million miles away from us and that has such a tremendous impact here where we all live : Planet Earth.

#### ARNIE CORO'S DXERS UNLIMITED'S HF PLUS LOW BAND VHF PROPAGATION UPDATE AND FORECAST

Solar activity still at the bottom of the cycle's very much extended minimum, ZERO SUNSPOTS, with solar flux at rock bottom 69 units and the A index was near 15 yesterday. So don't expect DX stations to show up above 17 or 18 megaHertz during the local daytime hours, while during the evening hours propagation conditions will be good only to around 10 or maybe 12 megaHertz. No signs of sporadic E openings yet, but I expect those openings to start by the end of the month, amigos !!! (Arnie Coro, C02KK, RHC DXers Unlimited April 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Geomagnetic field activity was at mostly quiet levels during 31 March - 03 April. Activity increased to minor storm levels during 04 April. A further increase to major storm levels occurred on 05 April with a brief period of severe storm detected at high latitudes. Activity decreased to minor storm levels on 06 April with a brief major storm period detected at high latitudes. ACE solar wind data indicated Earth entered a co-rotating interaction region (CIR) on 04 April in advance of a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream (HSS). Interplanetary magnetic field intensity increased to a peak of 15 nT at 04/1758 UTC during the CIR, while IMF Bz reached a minimum of -14 nT at 04/1758 UTC. Earth entered the HSS on 05 April. Velocities increased through 06 April with a peak of 763 km/sec detected at 06/0858 UTC. Velocities remained elevated during the rest of the period as the HSS continued.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 09 APRIL - 05 MAY 2008

Solar activity is expected to be very low. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels during 09 - 16 April and 23 April - 05 May. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels during 09 - 10 April. Mostly quiet conditions are expected during 11 - 21 April. Activity is expected to increase to active to major storm levels during 22 - 24 April due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream. Activity is expected to decrease to unsettled levels during 25 - 26 April as the high-speed stream subsides. Quiet conditions are forecast during 27 - 30 April. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled to active levels during 01 - 05 May with minor storm levels likely on 02 May as another recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream affects the field.

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## 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
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| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2008 Apr 09 | 70         | 10        | 3        |
| 2008 Apr 10 | 70         | 10        | 3        |
| 2008 Apr 11 | 70         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 12 | 70         | 5         | 2        |
| 2008 Apr 13 | 70         | 5         | 2        |

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| 2008 Apr 14 | 70 | 8  | 3 |
| 2008 Apr 15 | 70 | 8  | 3 |
| 2008 Apr 16 | 70 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Apr 17 | 70 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Apr 18 | 70 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Apr 19 | 70 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Apr 20 | 75 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Apr 21 | 80 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Apr 22 | 80 | 20 | 5 |
| 2008 Apr 23 | 80 | 30 | 6 |
| 2008 Apr 24 | 80 | 20 | 5 |
| 2008 Apr 25 | 80 | 8  | 3 |
| 2008 Apr 26 | 80 | 8  | 3 |
| 2008 Apr 27 | 80 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Apr 28 | 80 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Apr 29 | 75 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 Apr 30 | 75 | 5  | 2 |
| 2008 May 01 | 75 | 10 | 3 |
| 2008 May 02 | 70 | 20 | 5 |
| 2008 May 03 | 70 | 15 | 4 |
| 2008 May 04 | 70 | 10 | 3 |
| 2008 May 05 | 70 | 15 | 4 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1403, DXLD) ###